

MINUTES AND REPORT
of
MEETING OF COUNCIL
COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at

Credit Union Centre, 69 Wellington St., Windsor on 20th August, 1979 commencing 7 pm.

1. PRESENT Mr. M. Rundle - Chairman

Mr. A. Dash

Mr. E.J. Long

Mr. B.H. Macintosh

Mr. J. Rigby (alt. Mr. I.A. Wood)

Mr. O.J. Slattery

Mr. W.W. Rawlinson - Executive Officer

Apologies for absence received from Messrs. Black, Currey, Harvey.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 30th July 1979 having been circulated were adopted as a correct record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i Mr. I.A. Wood - Minute 4.iii

Mr. Rawlinson reported that Mr. Wood indicated his desire to continue as a Councillor provided Council would accept the attendances of an alternate acting on his behalf for the next few meetings.

3.ii Federal Ministerial Consumer Advisory Committee - Minute 4.iv

Mr. Macintosh advised, his Board authorised his nomination to the Cooperative Federation of Australia for consideration of onward transmission to the Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs for possible appointment to the Minister's Advisory Committee. Council recorded its appreciation to the Board of Morwell Cooperative for this authorisation.

3.iii Problems of Victorian Consumer Cooperatives - Minute 5.i
Mr. Macintosh will forward his report to the State Secretariat before 31.8.79.

3.iv Victorian Dairy Industry Authority - Minute 13

Council was advised that a panel of names of Dairy Cooperative nominees has been submitted to the Minister for Agriculture by the Cooperative Dairy Factories Association for selection of a Cooperative representative to the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority. Council agreed to support the submission.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.i From Cann River Transport Operators Cooperative
Seeking clarification on 'open membership'. The reply of advice on the matter was endorsed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

4.ii From Economic Grain Growers Cooperative expressing support for the Federation and requesting inclusion on the mailing list. The Executive Officer's reply was endorsed.

5. MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership from Ibis Milk Products Ltd.

was received supported by a copy of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and subscription fee of \$3,000. Council accepted that the Articles and practices of the Company qualify it for membership under the Federation's Rules and approved the application.

6. FINANCIAL

The financial statement for the operating period 1.7.79 to 17.8.79 is appended to these minutes.

7. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Rundle reported on a meeting of the Committee held with representation from VCCA. After general discussion on this report Council agreed that the Legislative Committee be empowered to continue to negotiate with VCCA and if seen fit to submit suitable amendments to the Cooperation Act to the Registrar for transmission to the Minister and Parliamentary draughtsmen, either conjointly with the VCCA or separately, bearing in mind the three amendments agreed by Council listed as 1, 2 and 3 in Minute 9 of the July 1979 meeting.

8. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Slattery advised a report of the July meeting of the group had been prepared for circulation to participants, CFA Council and interested Cooperators.

The next meeting is scheduled for 27th August, 1979.

Proposals for better promotion of these discussion groups are under consideration.

9. REGIONAL MEETINGS

A meeting held at Camperdown on 16th August attracted an attendance of 29 from 10 Cooperatives and the Federation. Those present included 5 Chairmen, 6 other Directors, 7 Managers, 3 Secretaries excluding 6 members of Council of the Federation.

Council recorded its appreciation to Mr. Black for his efforts to ensure the success of the function.

In view of the interest demonstrated by AB Cooperatives it was agreed follow-up action should be taken in this group.

It was agreed to defer convening a third Regional meeting for the immediate future in view of staff constraints.

10. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Speakers and the Conference programme having been finalised a draft promotional brochure for the Conference was considered, modified and accepted by Council.

11. MEETING WITH STATE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

A paper on the CFA proposals for the establishment of a Farmer Cooperative Service in the Federal Department of Primary Industry was tabled.

Council agreed efforts should be made for a Federation deputation to meet the Minister for Agriculture before the September Council meeting. Matters for discussion with the Minister were agreed to include:

- (a) State Government support for a Federal Farmers Cooperative Service
- (b) Specialist Cooperative extension officers in Department of Agriculture
- (c) Promotion of Cooperation in Farm Production
- (d) Role and strength of Cooperatives in the Agriculture Industry
- (e) Support for Victorian Cooperative Dairy Factories nomination of Cooperatives representation on Victorian Dairy Industry Authority.

It was agreed the following should be invited to comprise the deputation:

Leader	Mr. O.J. Slattery	
Members	Mr. J.N. Black	Herd Improvement
	Mr. I.A. Wood	Dairy Manufacturing
	Mr. G. Pearson	Cooperative Marketing
with	Mr. W.W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer.

12. REPORTS

12.i Advisory Council

Mr. Long reported that he will seek clarification from the next meeting of the Advisory Council on the matter of Bendigo Trading Cooperative being allowed to trade in real estate.

12.ii Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported having attended a meeting of the Victorian Employment Committee's sub-Committee on Small Businesses and Cooperatives. The Committee operates under a full time Director seconded from the Small Business Development Bureau. \$6,900 has been made available for the preparation, printing and publication of a handbook on Cooperatives.

He has had meetings with the full Board and Management of Australian Footwear Retailers Cooperative on the matter of import quotas.

With Mr. Long he visited Maryborough and had useful discussions with the promoters and officers of Bootstrap Cooperative and a cooperative recycling project.

He visited Broadford with Mr. Macintosh for discussions with the Manager and Secretary of the Broadford Cooperative on the matter of budget preparation.

12. REPORTS (cont.)12.ii Executive Officer (cont.)

He visited Camperdown with Mr. Black for discussions with the General Manager Camperdown Glenormiston Cooperative Dairy.

He is scheduled to present a paper to a seminar at the Prahran College of Advanced Education related to Worker Cooperatives.

He is to visit Canberra on CFA business incorporating work on behalf of CFV and Australian Footwear Retailers Cooperative.

12.iii Cooperative Federation of Australia

Council considered the request of the CFA for views on future plans.

No justification could be seen for a formal association with a trading organisation unless such organisation is a Federation service for Cooperatives.

It was agreed the present structure is valuable for building up a State Federation to ultimately strengthen the CFA. This structure could be developed by the appointment, as circumstances permit, of an extension officer to assist another deserving State along similar lines and also provide successor training.

Close liaison should be maintained with AFCUL in legislative matters. The development of a National Cooperative Finance Facility should follow the successful operation of such a facility at the State level. Council recommended the organisation of a Planning Workshop for the CFA Council after sound preliminary preparation for such an exercise.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

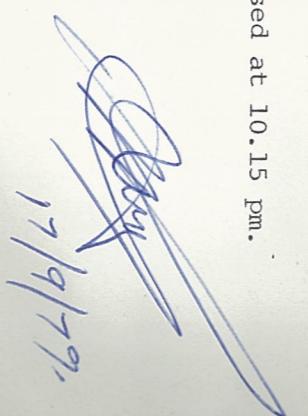
Following a report from Mr. Long on discussions with representatives of ACMAL, Council agreed a formal letter be written to the General Manager of ACMAL outlining the services of the CFV and seeking reconsideration by the Board of ACMAL for membership and the advantages to be gained therefrom.

14. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of Council will be held at the Credit Union Centre, 69 Wellington Street, Windsor, on 17th September 1979, commencing 7 pm.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.15 pm.



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